

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 115

Introduced by Assembly Member Wieckowski

February 23, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115—Relative to India's Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 115, as introduced, Wieckowski. India's Independence Day.

This measure would proclaim August 15, 2012, as India's Independence Day, and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating India's independence.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On August 15, 1947, at the stroke of midnight, the
2 first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, gave his famous
3 Tryst with Destiny speech proclaiming India's independence; and
4 WHEREAS, The Tryst with Destiny speech is considered to be
5 one of the greatest speeches of all time, which captured the essence
6 of the 100-year nonviolent Indian freedom struggle against British
7 colonial rule in India; and
8 WHEREAS, India's Independence Day is one of the most
9 important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day
10 takes place in Delhi where the Prime Minister hoists the national
11 flag at the Red Fort and delivers a nationally televised speech that
12 highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current
13 issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders
14 of India's struggle for freedom; and

1 WHEREAS, India's Independence Day is celebrated on August
2 15 of each year to commemorate its independence. It is one of the
3 most important national holidays in India, which was celebrated
4 by 400 million Indians in 1947 and today is celebrated by a billion
5 people living in India, and many people living in other parts of the
6 world, including California, which is home to the largest population
7 of Asian Indians in the United States; now, therefore, be it
8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims August
10 15, 2012, as India's Independence Day, and urges all Californians
11 to join in celebrating India's independence; and be it further
12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
13 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.